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1954 CONVENTION IS SET

The 1954 Convention of the Circus Historical Society will be held in Columbus, Ohio, on July 24, 25, 26 and 27. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Fort Hayes. Arrangements are now being made with the hotel, and just as soon as everything is set, full information will be sent to you.

A feature of the Convention will be the Tom Packs Circus. As you know this is a stadium show, and will be held at Red Bird Stadium in Columbus on Tuesday, July 27. We will have a lot more information on this, too, in a few days, and will let you know all about it.

Because of the fact that no meeting was held in 1953, it is hoped that we will have a better than ever attendance this year. Make your plans now to attend. We are really going to have a swell convention and we want you all to be there. We want to meet a lot of you that we know by name only—we want to renew our friendship with those whom we have met before—in fact we want to know everybody.

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The Editor Says

Well, we have been to our first opening of the season and feel like we got Mills off to a good start. Also, caught King Bros. several times so feel that we have had a good circus season so far.

We are running Mills Bros. Circus program in this issue and you will also find a story about the opening festivities.

King Bros. had a very good day in Richmond. In fact in all the days of going to the circus by your Editor, I have never seen so many people at a matinee. kids were packed to the ring curbs and before every act the way had to be cleared for the next one to be brought in. Fortunately no one was hurt and both circus and citizens were happy. Of course, we took a good deal of ribbing about the fact that finally Bob had got his own circus to town. That is the reason we are happy when the circus has a good day, because we are held responsible to both town and circus for the success of the day.

The Treasurer wants me to thank you for the generous response to the appeal to send in your dues without notification. Remember look at your card. \$3.60 per year—30c a month. We'd like everyone to get paid up to May 1, 1955.

NEW MEMBER

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Newspaper Story Places John Robinson on Raymond & Wahring Show of 1839

By Melvin J. Olsen

The "myth" of the founding in 1824 of the John Robinson show was explored by Richard E. Conover in the June, 1953, issue of the Bandwagon. On the basis of careful examination of several facts, the author drew the conclusion that the earliest date of the show's existence was 1840. One of these facts was a newspaper account, cited by Colonel Sturtevant in a letter to Conover, which placed Robinson on the Raymond and Wahring's circus in 1839, but the source of the Colonel's information was not known.

The Indianapolis Evening News of January 6, 1870, contained the following article credited to the Cincinnati Chronicle which apparently originally printed the story to which Colonel Sturtevant had reference.

A CIRCUS REMINISCENCE

An Event of Thirty Years Ago—The Elephant Columbus on the Rampage—Race for Life—Three Men and a Dozen Animals Killed

(From the Cincinnati Chronicle

Thirty years ago today, on the 31st of December, 1839, the famous rampage of the elephant Columbus occurred near New Orleans, and as the only living witnesses of the affair are residents of Cincinnati at present, we will give a short account of the elephantine tear. Raymond & Wahring's circus and menagerie, which had been showing separately in the center of Louisiana, were ordered by the proprietors to rendezvous at a point three miles above Algiers—which town is directly opposite New Orleans—on the last day of the year, in order that the combination, which was the largest that has ever appeared in the South, might march into the Crescent City on New Year's day.

With one branch of the show was the elephant Columbus, and with the other, Hannibal, both of whom achieved national fame afterward. The junction had been formed and the procession was nearly in readiness to move, when, unfortunately, the two elephants were brought together, and they immediately proceeded to test their pugilistic accomplishments. Their keepers interferred, and succeeded in parting them, and Hannibal quieted down, but Columbus was not to be so easily satisfied. He stood glaring around for a few minutes, and then struck his keeper's horse a tearful blow with its trunk, and followed it up by thrusting his immense tusks (over six feet long) through the animal's body.

The keeper, William Crum, fell with his horse, and the elephant next attacked him, picking him up in his trunk and dashing him against the ground with such force as to break half the bones in his body, and cause instant death. Columbus then marched along the line until he reached the llama cage, which he upset and demolished, killing the llama. His next movement was to make a dive for John Robinson and Arthur Crippen, both of this city, who were connected with the service, but these gentlemen being on horseback, succeeded, although with great trouble and danger, in escaping.

Columbus now passed the caravan at a run, and soon met a drayman driving two mules, both of which fell victim to his rage, as did also the driver, who attempted to escape by running, but was overtaken. Passing through Algiers, the elephant soon came across a negro sitting on the fence, and tore down the fence to get to him, and then tore him piece-meal. The negro was a slave, and Columbus' owners were required to pay \$1,800 for killing him.

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Further on about nine miles from his starting point, the elephant met a Frenchman and a party of negroes, whom he attempted to demoralize also, but here he met his match, and after a combat of nearly an hour he gave up and was chained, having first received three bullets from a rifle, just below the right eye. The wounds occasioned no inconvenience, however, beyond producing running sores, which lasted until Columbus' death, which was caused by his falling through a bridge at North Adams, Mass., in 1854, and breaking his neck.

In his rampage the elephant killed nearly a dozen horses, mules, cows and calves, for which his owners were compelled to pay about \$20,000. The circus and menagerie company was composed of one hundred and eight men, of whom but three are known to be living at present, they being John Robinson, circus man, and Arthur Crippen, watchman at the Indianapolis and Cincinnati depot, in this city, and Louis Lipman, dry goods merchant at Laurel, Ind., all three of whom witnessed the disaster, and were compelled to observe extreme caution to preserve their own lives. Mr. Crippen subsequently had both his arms broken by Columbus while assisting in shipping him in Philadelphia.

—The (Indianapolis) Evening News January 6, 1870

Although this article confirms the presence of John Robinson on a non-Robinson show in 1839, it raises two other questions.

First, what is the correct spelling of this show title? The article in the (Indianapolis) Evening News has it as Raymond & Wahring, but advertisements found by Conover have it as Waring. (Editor's note: Maybe the Southerners drawled it out with the added "h").

Second, did Columbus (the elephant) die as the result of falling through a bridge at North Adams, Mass., in 1854, as stated in the article quoted above? Or did it die as the result of falling through a bridge at Pittsfield, Mass., earlier than 1854? The latter claim, Conover has found, is made in the New York Clipper of January 7, 1893, in a death notice and obituary of James E. Kelly. The Clipper adds that four elephants were owned by James Raymond and that they were used as a hitch of four on a bandwagon. These elephants were Columbus, Hannibal, Siam, and Virginus. Siam subsequently fell through a bridge in Zanesville, Ohio, and Virginus drowned in the Delaware River while trying to swim from Camden to Philadelphia. Hannibal was sold to Hyatt Frost and James E. Kelly in the early 1850's (about the time they started the VanAmburgh show). Hannibal also appeared in the Dayton, Ohio, area in 1855, as a part of the Signor Charini's Italian Circus with the Raymond & Waring Menagerie.

Eddie Jackson reports that he spent the winter in Dunedin, Florida, and rode the Ringling Advance car into New York where he worked until the cold, rain and winds brought on his annual bronchial attack. Was planning to return to the car in Baltimore on May 8th.

Walter S. Rauth of Jeffersonville, Indiana, reports that King Bros. showed in nearby New Albany on May 7th. Charlie Duble was really a study standing on the curb as the band went by playing his own march "Bravura."

Jack LaPearl, recently with Hagen Bros. as clown and press agent, is again back with Jack Mills. He is now in the press department. Lots of luck, Jack, we know your many friends are glad you are back home.

John Kelley, of Baraboo, has bought the Columbia tab wagon and has had it trucked to Baraboo. This will no doubt be a great attraction when the Baraboo's circus museum is a reality.

Don't forget to get your copy of "My Town and The Big Top," by Arthur V. Isenberg.

If any of you know the street address of William Wrest of Santa Monica, California, will they please let Bette Leonard know. Bette's address is 440 N. Dodge St., Wichita, Kansas.

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3—Juggli Engl	ng Bakers and	Antonetts Bavarian Teeterboard Champions	Droguetts Chilean Jugglers	
	ry Ponies Mahlon Campbell	Luvas Dogs	Military Ponies Count Sandor Beketow	
	ING IN THE SKY''—d Looping the Loop	ozens of international sailorettes on lofty swin Sanchez Trapeze Sensation	ng ladders surrounding: Looping the Loop	
6—Mills	Bros. College of Educo	ited Canines; presented by:	Edith Beketow	
7—Get ready to laugh—first avalanche of fun from the combined American and European congress of clowns.				
	antonett Family ey Stars	The Virginias Belgian Flying Trampoline Thrillers	The Internationalists Bounding Comedy	
9—A sali	ute to the Western Plai	ins—Black Diamond Rider and his Frontier C	ongress.	

10—Sweden's Master of Dressage, Cou	unt Sandor Beketow and his Blue Ribl	bon Dancing Champion Duke.			
11—Another Mirth Quake—the Clowns	are Loose Again!				
12—An International Assembly of Spee Millets Girls English Tumblers	d Acrobatics and Foot Juggling: Seven Hungarians Continental Risley Champions	The Schmitz Boys Hand Balancing			
13—The Arena is Surrendered Once Again to the Mirth Makers.					
14—Mills Bros. Famous Waltzing Liber Count Sandor Beketow 15—The Belgians Equilibristic Stars	ty Horses presented by: Paul Nelson Mauricio Speed Juggling	Jinx Adams Les Lindners Acrobatics			
16—Another Glimpse of the Old West.					
17—	Ray Goody The Drunk on the Tightwire				
18—"THE FRENCH DARLINGS OF THE AIR"—Pretty Precision Performers High Over the Hippodrome on the Swaying Spanish Webs, Surrounding the Center Ring Aerial Perch Feats of the Valentinos.					
19—The Greatest Bout of the Century—For the Laughweight Championship of the World.					
20—The World's Foremost Lady Rider, MISS JINX ADAMS, Riding the Spectacular 10-Horse Hitch Roman Standing Style.					
21—Rebecca Barrel Kicking	Senorita Sanchez Bounding Rope	Three Dubskys Acrobatics			
22—	The Luvas Sisters Tiptoeing on Air				
23—A Terrifying Slide For Life by the Great Randolpho.					
24—High Spirited Menage and High Jumping Horses Ridden by an International Assembly of male and female riding champions.					
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26—A final, frenzied outburst of fun by the two continent clown congress.					
27—Mills Bros. world famous 40-ton herd of performing elephants, featuring the celebrated Miss Burma and					

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16—Dexter, Mo. 17—Poplar Bluff, Mo. 18—Bismarck, Mo.

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19-Penn Yan, N. Y.

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- 21-Washington, Mo.
- 22-Booneville, Mo.
- 23--Tipton, Mo.
- 24-Pleasant Hill, Mo.
- -Rich Hill, Mo.
- 26-Lamar, Mo.
- 28—Aurora, Mo. 29—Cotter, Ark.
- 30-Batesville, Ark.
- 31-Walnut Ridge, Ark.

SEPTEMBER

- 1-Paragould, Ark.
- 2-Forest City, Ark.
- 4-Memphis, Tenn.
- -Covington, Tenn.
- 6-Fulton, Ky.
- 7—Mayfield, Ky. 8—Paducah, Ky.
- 9-Paris, Tenn.
- 11-Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- 12-Shelbyville, Tenn.
- 13—Fayetteville, Tenn.
- 14—Huntsville, Ala. 15-Winchester, Tenn.
- 16-South Pittsburg, Tenn.
- 18—Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 19-Dalton, Ga.
- 20-Cartersville, Ga.
- 21—Marietta, Ga.
- 22-Rome, Ga.
- 23—Cleveland, Tenn.
- 25—Sweetwater, Tenn. 26-Clinton, Tenn.
- 27-Morristown, Tenn.
- 28-Newport, Tenn.
- 29—Greenville, Tenn.
- 30-Johnson City, Tenn.

OCTOBER

- 2-Bristol, Va.
- -Marion, Va.
- 4-Wytheville, Va.
- 5—Pulaski, Va.
- 6-Bluefield, W. Va.

- 7-Christiansburg, Va.
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- 24-Goldsboro, N. C
- 25-Fayetteville, N. C.
- 26—Dillon, S. C. 27—Darlington, S. C.
- 28-Wadesboro, N. C.
- 30—Monroe, N. C. 31—Chester, S. C.

NOVEMBER

- 1—Clinton, S. C. 2—Abbeville, S. C.
- -Winder, Ga.
- 4-Lawrenceville, Ga.
- 6-Newnan, Ga.
- 7-La Grange, Ga. 8-West Point, Ga.
- 9—Opelika, Ala.
- 10—Selma, Ala. 11—Montevallo, Ala.
- 13—Bessemer, Ala. 14—Jasper, Ala.
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- 16-New Albany, Miss.

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Mills Bros. Opening Celebration

After a rainy Friday, the opening performance of the 15th Anniversary Tour got under way under clear skies. Many fans and friends arrived on Friday amid the rain and attended the dress re-

hearsal at the Darke County Fair Grounds, April 16.

Much visiting was done in the back yard and in the lobby of the hotel, during the morning. At 2:00 o'clock everybody was in the back yard for the opening Spec. of the Mills Bros. Circus. The weather was fine, after several days of rain and if you had good high boots you did not mind the mud. For an opening performance things went very smoothily.

After the show we all enjoyed the annual Mills Bros. Circus Press Party Dinner at the Greenville High School Gymnasium. The more hardy fans stayed throughout the evening performance and Ann King and Sally Conover road elephants in the Speck as they had also done

in the afternoon.

We were glad to see so many of our friends again. Among the members present were Floyd McClintock, Fred Pfening, Jr., Chalmer Condon, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Olsen and family, J. C. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Linden, Ray Markle, Lloyd Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Baker Young and Sons, John Boyle, Kenneth Whipple, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Conover and family. There were other members present I am sure, as well as many circus friends from the East and West.

The show itself is teeming with talent. I am particularly partial to the Luvas Sisters and to the Elephant Act. The program as it was

at the opening is on the center spread of this issue.

MUSICAL COMEDY AND BURLESQUE LITHOGRAPHS

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Circus Chronology, 1953

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APRIL

CONNECTICUT CFA members protested a bill which would have placed prohibitive license charges on shows. The bill was defeated.

RING BROS. AND ODYSON circuses, the latter in Canada, were among the new shows opening.

STATE DEPARTMENT began a more realistic interpretation of the new immigration act which concerned importation of performers. Showmen also were concerned about an overly restrictive law governing aerial acts in New York State.

RINGLING-BARNUM opened in New York on April 1, featuring Mister Mistin Jr., child xylo player.

ALICE, elephant formerly belonging to Sells Floto Circus and one of the few to calve in captivity, died at the Salt Lake City zoo.

CLYDE BEATTY CIRCUS opened April 1 and moved to Los Angeles the next day. King-Cristiani opened at Macon, Ga., (4).

DIANO BROS. was doing well in Texas.

BILLY ASHE, the acrobat who hired Joe E. Brown as a youth, died at Toledo.

NORMA DAVENPORT, widow of Albert (Stick) Davenport, riders, died in Chicago.

HUNT BROS. began its 61st season in Maryland.

MILLS BROS.' CIRCUS opened in a snow storm at Greenville, O., (18).

MAY

MOST SHOWS were hit by unusually rainy and cool spring weather, with business suffering as a result.

RINGLING-BARNUM tightened up the performance, with Mister Mistin Jr. being allotted less time for his xylophone playing.

DIANO BROS. was hit by a blowdown at Benton, Ark.

KING-CRISTIANI'S second balloon was burned at Johnson City, Tenn., and the feature was discontinued.

AB JOHNSON, veteran clown, died in Chicago.

HARRY ATWELL, circus photog, moved his operation to Sarasota, Fla.

PAUL HOROMPO completed 50 years with the Ringling-Barnum show.

JOSEPH G. FERARI, veteran animal trainer and circus performer, who pioneered American carnival business, died in New York.

WEATHER STAGGERED the Hagan-Wallace Circus in Pennsylvania, with several matinees lost, trucks wrecked and night shows delayed.

WALLACE & CLARK was doing well in Kentucky.

DIANO BROS.' business was poor in Missouri.

HIGH WIND damaged some canvas of the Clyde Beatty show at Santa Maria, Calif., (10).

CISCO KID AND PANCHO were featured at Cole Bros.' Chicago date and were being booked elsewhere by Tom Packs.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam H. McNutt of Detroit, Michigan, are announcing the marriage of their daughter Dorothy to Mr. Walter J. Pietschmann on Friday, the fourth of June, at the Central Methodist Church of Detroit.

Walter, as you know, was at one time Treasurer of our organization.

Congratulations, Dorothy and Walter.

Fred Stafford, who so many of you know, as Press Agent for Jack Mills, is now in Boston, at the home of his uncle and aunt. His address is c/o Dr. L. W. Crockett, 32 Monument Square, Charlestown, Mass.





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